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DON'T BE LIKE A CHARACTER IN "PANCA DELIMA", UMNO MEMBERS TOLD

SEREMBAN, Sept 13 (Bernama) -- Umno members should not be like a character in the Malay movie "Panca Delima" -- a human being during the day and a snake at night, said Negeri Sembilan Umno Liaison Chief Tan Sri Mohamad Isa Abdul Samad said today.

He said Umno members and leaders cannot have dual identities and must choose either the party or those sacked from the party and government.

Isa was asked to comment on the presence of several Umno leaders including Negeri Sembilan Umno Youth leader Ruslan Kassim at the functions of former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Speaking to reporters after opening a dialogue session and get-together of Negeri Sembilan Rukun Tetangga at Wisma Negeri, here, he said these people must make clear their stand.

They cannot be supporting Umno and at the same time a person who is no longer an Umno member, he said.

Isa who is also Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar criticised Umno Youth leader Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi for using the ploy to let himself be expelled by the Umno Supreme Council.

Such tactic to gain sympathy would not work as Umno members were no fools, he said.

He also hit out at Anwar for making various accusations against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

As someone associated with Islamic image, Anwar should have been calm in facing the action taken by the government and the party, he said.

During the dialogue session, Isa explained to 350 Rukun Tetangga members the government's reasons in dismissing Anwar as Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister.

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